

JUBILATE

The Third Sunday after Easter • May 5, 1963

O happy home, where thou art not forgotten
When joy is overflowing, full and free.

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Dear Father, by Thy gracious love and forgiving spirit keep us always in Thy family, helping us to make our homes places of strength, and every relationship one of concern, for Jesus ' sake .

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**Congregation kneel

Today, the Pastor's Class for prospective members and all interested in reviewing beliefs of the church, at 9:45 in the Study.

Monday: 7:00, Boy Scouts; 7:30, Teachers and Assistants For Vacation Bible School meet for briefing and departmental preparation. Vacation Bible School will be held June 10-21, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Monday through Friday of each week.

Tuesday, 7:30, Continuation of congregation "Inspiration and Information Night". THOSE CONTACTED FOR A SPECIFIC NIGHT ARE URGED TO BE PRESENT: THOSE WHO MISSED THEIR NIGHT, OR CAN'T COME ON DESIGNATED NIGHT, ATTEND ANY ONE OF THE REMAINING FOUR EVENINGS.

Wednesday, 4:00-5:15, Second Year Confirmation Class; 7:30, "Inspiration and Information Night"

Thursday, 7:30, Chancel Choir rehearsal; 7:30, "Inspiration and Information Night".

Friday, 7:30, Final "Inspiration and Information Night"; the last evening for those previously unable to attend.

We rejoice with A/lc and Mrs. Thomas Michael upon the birth of Gary Raymond, April 16, in New Mexico.

Any women desirous of going by bus to Zelienople Old People's Home, May 22, leaving at 6:00 P.M., please call the office this week. This is a Lutheran Church Women project, and a splendid opportunity to see the home and visit with some of its fine guests.

A Church League softball team will be organized if sufficient interest is shown. Please see either Dr. John Graham, William Patten or George Crail today.

ACOLYTES 8:30 Jim Elliott, Robie Wick
 11:00 Ricky Tritsch, Larry Dickey

ORGANISTS 8:30 Mrs. James Wick
 11:00 Mr. Barry Ralph

USHERS 8:30 Ed Jones, Leroy Clark
 11:00 Dan Schuller, Les Green

NURSERY 8:30 Mrs. David Bachman, Sharon Walsh
 11:00 Mrs. Beryl Norling, Arlene Wilson

Confirmed after church

The Family of Jesus



The stalwart, young Jesus is working vigorously with Joseph in the carpenter shop while Mary proudly watches from her place in the kitchen. This is one of the pictures which come to our minds when the family of Jesus is mentioned.

But the Bible record indicates that the family group was considerably larger. In Mark 6 we read what Jesus' hometown folks said when he preached in the local synagogue: "Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" Evidently Joseph and Mary had at least six children after Jesus' birth. Jesus grew up in a good-sized family.

He discovered very early in his ministry that "a prophet is not without honor except in his own country and in his own house" (Matthew 13: 57). "Even his brothers did not believe in him" (John 7:5). In fact, on one occasion they seem to have thought him "beside himself" and they even tried to interrupt his ministry (Mark 3:21, 31-32). Perhaps this lack of belief was the reason Jesus, while hanging on the cross, entrusted his mother to John the Apostle rather than to one of his brothers.

After the Resurrection, however, the brothers became believers. Brother

James saw the risen Lord (1 Corinthians 15:7) and after the Ascension the brothers were with the apostles and Mary in the upper room (Acts 1:14). James even became the leader of the church in Jerusalem (Acts 15:13).

Not all Christians, however, agree that Joseph and Mary had children. The Greek Orthodox and other Eastern churches, and some Protestants, believe that the brothers and sisters mentioned in the Bible were Joseph's children by a former marriage, that he was 80 years old when he took Mary as his wife, and that Mary remained a virgin always. There is no New Testament support for this view, but it arose as early as the second century. The Roman Catholic Church, following a view first proposed by Jerome, believes also that Mary was a "perpetual" virgin, and that the words "brothers, sisters" really mean "kinsmen" or "cousins." But this view lacks support by either the New Testament or early church tradition. The ascetic feeling that normal marriage relations and childbearing were not appropriate for the mother of Jesus has given rise to this belief in Mary's perpetual virginity.

The simple, literal view of the New Testament is the best by far. It is good to think that Jesus knew the joys and problems of family life with brothers and sisters who were not awed by him but treated one another as normal members of a family do. It is good, also, to know that Mary and her other sons went beyond the ties of their family relationship and recognized Christ as their Lord and Savior. May all of us join in this larger family of Jesus.